

Certain Generalized Prime elements

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Abstract— In this paper we study different generalizations of prime elements and prove certain properties of these elements.

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I. INTRODUCTION

A multiplicative lattice L is a complete lattice provided with commutative, associative and join distributive multiplication in which the largest element 1 acts as a multiplicative identity. An element $a \in L$ is called proper if $a < 1$. A proper element p of L is said to be prime if $ab \leq p$ implies $a \leq p$ or $b \leq p$. If $a \in L$, $b \in L$,

$(a : b)$ is the join of all elements c in L such that $cb \leq a$. A proper element p of L is said to be primary if $ab \leq p$ implies $a \leq p$ or $b^n \leq p$ for some positive integer n . If $a \in L$, then $\sqrt{a} = \bigvee \{x \in L \mid x^n \leq a, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$. An element $a \in L$ is called a radical element if $a = \sqrt{a}$. An element $a \in L$ is called compact if $a \leq \bigvee_{\alpha} b_{\alpha}$ implies $a \leq b_{\alpha_1} \vee b_{\alpha_2} \vee \dots \vee b_{\alpha_n}$ for some finite subset $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$. Throughout this paper, L denotes a compactly generated multiplicative lattice with 1 compact in which every finite product of compact element is compact. We shall denote by L_* , the set of compact elements of L .

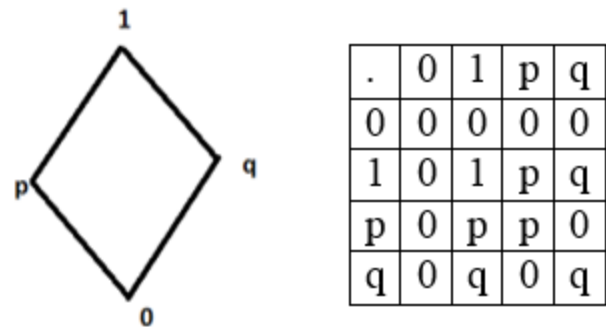
An element $i \in L$ is called 2-absorbing element if $abc \leq i$ implies $ab \leq i$ or $bc \leq i$ or $ca \leq i$. A proper element $i \in L$ is called 2-absorbing primary if for all $a, b, c \in L$, $abc \leq i$ implies either $ab \leq i$ or $bc \leq \sqrt{i}$ or $ca \leq \sqrt{i}$. This concept was defined by U. Tekir et.al. in [7]. It is observed that every prime element is 2-absorbing. An element $i \in L$ is called semi-prime if $i = \sqrt{i}$. An element i is called 2-potent prime if $ab \leq i^2$ implies $a \leq i$ or $b \leq i$. (See [6]). Every 2-absorbing element of L is a 2-absorbing primary element of L . But the converse is not true. The element $q = (12)$ is a 2-absorbing primary element of L but not 2-absorbing element of L . Also every primary element of L is a 2 absorbing primary element. But the converse is not true. The element $q = (6)$ is a 2 absorbing primary element of L but not a primary element of L , since L is lattice of ideals of the ring. $R = \mathbb{Z}$, $+$, \cdot . For all these definition one can refer [1],[4],[5].

II. PRIME AND PRIMARY ABSORBING ELEMENTS

The concept of primary 2-absorbing ideals was introduced by Tessema et.al. [5]. We generalize this concept for multiplicative lattices.

An element $i \in L$ is said to be weakly prime if $0 \neq ab \leq i$ implies $a \leq i$ or $b \leq i$.

It is easy to show that every prime element is 2- absorbing. Ex. The following table shows multiplication of elements in the multiplicative lattice $L = 0, p, q, 1$.



In the above diagram $0, p, q$ are 2-absorbing.

The concept of 2-absorbing primary ideals is defined by A. Badawi, U. Tekir, E. Yetkin in [6]. The concept was generalized for multiplicative lattices by F. Calliapp, E. Yetkin, and U. Tekir [8]. Weslightlyly modified this concept and defined primary 2-absorbing element.

Def.(2.1) An element $i \in L$ is said to be weakly 2-absorbing if $0 \neq abc \leq i$ implies $ab \leq i$ or $bc \leq i$ or $ca \leq i$. (See [7]).

Def.(2.2) An element i of L is called primary 2-absorbing if $abc \leq i$ implies $ab \leq i$ or $bc \leq \sqrt{i}$ or $ca \leq \sqrt{i}$, for all $a, b, c \in L$.

Ex. Every 2- absorbing element of L is primary 2-absorbing.

We obtain now the relation between primary 2-absorbing element and 2-absorbing element.

Theorem (2.3) If i is semi-prime and primary 2-absorbing element of a lattice L , then i is 2-absorbing.

Proof:- Suppose i is primary 2-absorbing. Let $abc \leq i$. Then $ab \leq i$ or $bc \leq \sqrt{i}$ or $ca \leq \sqrt{i}$ where $i = \sqrt{i}$. Therefore i is 2-absorbing.

Theorem(2.4) If i is semi-prime and 2-potent prime element of L then i is prime.

Proof:- Let $ab \leq i$. Then $(ab)^2 = a^2 b^2 \leq i^2$. Then $a^2 \leq i$ or $b^2 \leq i$, since i is 2-potent prime. This implies that $a \leq \sqrt{i}$ or $b \leq \sqrt{i}$.

$\leq \sqrt{i}$. But i being semi-prime, $a \leq i$ or $b \leq i$. Hence i is a prime element.

we note that :A prime element is 2-potent prime.



Consider the lattice L of ideals of ring $R = \langle \mathbb{Z}_8, +, \cdot \rangle$. Then the only ideals of R are principal ideals $(0), (2), (4), (1)$. Clearly, $L = (0), (2), (4), (1)$ is compactly generated multiplicative lattice. The element $(4) \in L$ is not prime but it is 2-potent prime.

Remark(2.5) If i is semi-prime and primary then i is prime.

Now we establish the relation between 2-potent prime and primary element.

Theorem (2.6) Let i be a 2-potent prime. Then i is almost primary if and only if i is primary.

Proof:- Let i be a primary element and $ab \leq i, ab \not\leq i^2$. Then $a \leq i$ or $b \leq \sqrt{i}$. So i is almost primary. Conversely, let i be an almost primary element. Assume that $ab \leq i$. If $ab \not\leq i^2$, then $a \leq i$ or $b \leq \sqrt{i}$. Suppose $ab \leq i^2$. Then $a \leq i$ or $b \leq \sqrt{i}$, since i is 2-potent prime. Therefore i is primary.

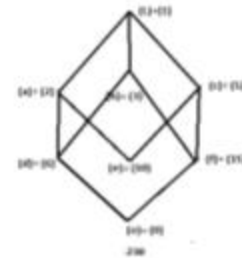
We obtain the relation between semiprime and 2-absorbing element.

Theorem(2.7) If i is semi-prime 2-potent prime element of L , then i is 2-absorbing.

(Proof:-) Let $abc \leq i$. Then $(abc)^2 = (ab)^2 c^2 \leq i^2$. So $(ab)^2 \leq i$ or $c^2 \leq i$, since i is 2-potent prime. As i is semi-prime, $ab \leq \sqrt{i} = i$ or $c \leq \sqrt{i} = i$. Hence $ab \leq i$ or $bc \leq i, ac \leq i$ and i is 2-absorbing.

Remark (2.8) A 2-absorbing primary element need not be 2-potent prime.

Ex-Consider L as in example \mathbb{Z}_{30} , the element $(6) \in L$ is not 2-potent prime.



The next result gives the condition for a semi-prime element to be almost primary.

Theorem (2.9) Let i be a semi-prime element of L . Then i is almost primary if i is weakly prime.

Proof:- Suppose i is weakly prime. Let $ab \leq i, ab \not\leq i^2$. Now $ab \not\leq i^2$ implies $ab \neq 0$. Hence $a \leq i$ or $b \leq \sqrt{i}$.

Now we obtain a relation between primary element and weakly prime element.

Theorem(2.10) Let i be a semi-prime element. Then i is primary if and only if i is weakly prime.

Proof:- Assume that i is primary and $0 \neq ab \leq i$. Then $a^n \leq i$ for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ or $b \leq i$. If $b \leq i$, we are done. If $a^n \leq i$, then $a \leq \sqrt[n]{i} = i$, since i is semi-prime. Hence i is weakly prime. Suppose i is weakly prime. Let $ab \leq i$. If $0 \neq ab$, then $a \leq i$ or $b \leq \sqrt{i}$ and i is primary. If $ab = 0 \leq i$, $a = 0$ or $b = 0$ as L has no zero divisor. So $a \leq i$ or $b \leq \sqrt{i}$ and i is primary.

Theorem (2.11) If an element i is both weakly primary and semi-prime, then i is weakly prime.

Proof:- Let $0 \neq ab \leq i$. Then $a^n \leq i$ or $b \leq i$, since i is weakly primary. If $b \leq i$, then $a \leq \sqrt[n]{i}$ implies $a \leq \sqrt{i}$. Hence i is weakly prime.

We now obtain a characterization of a weakly primary element.

Theorem (2.12) An element i is weakly primary if and only if $(i : x) \leq \sqrt{i}$ or $(i : x) = (i^2 : x)$ for all $x \not\leq i$.

Proof:- Let i be weakly primary and $x \not\leq i$. Since $i^2 \leq i$, we have $(i^2 : x) \leq (i : x)$. Let $y \leq (i : x)$, then $yx \leq i$. If $yx = 0$, then $yx \leq i^2$ which implies $y \leq (i^2 : x)$. So in this case $(i : x) = (i^2 : x)$.

Suppose $yx \neq 0$. Then $yx \leq i, x \not\leq i$ and i is weakly primary together imply $y^n \leq i$ for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$. Hence $y \leq \sqrt[n]{i}$ and $(i : x) \leq \sqrt{i}$. Conversely suppose $(i : x) \leq \sqrt{i}$ or $(i : x) = (i^2 : x)$ whenever $x \not\leq i$. Let $0 \neq ab \leq i$. If $b \not\leq i$, we have nothing to prove. Otherwise $b \leq i$ and obviously $a \leq (i : b)$.

Case 1 If $a \leq (i : b) \leq \sqrt{i}$, i is weakly primary.

Case 2) Suppose $(i : b) = (i^2 : b)$ and $(i : b) \not\leq \sqrt{i}$. In this case, there exists $z \leq (i : b)$ but $z \not\leq \sqrt{i}$. Therefore $z^n \not\leq i$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$.

Now $z \leq (i : b)$ implies $zb \leq i$ for $b \not\leq i$. In particular, for $b = z, z^2 \leq i$, which is a contradiction. Hence the second case does not arise.

Theorem (2.13) Let i and j be distinct weakly prime elements of L . Then $(i \wedge j)$ is weakly 2-absorbing.

Proof:- Let $0 \neq abc \leq (i \wedge j)$. Then $abc \leq i$ and $abc \leq j$. Since i and j are weakly prime elements, we have $ab \leq i$ or $c \leq i$ and $ab \leq j$ or $c \leq j$.

Case 1) If $ab \leq i$ and $ab \leq j$ we have $ab \leq (i \wedge j)$.

Case 2) If $ab \leq i$ and $c \leq j$, then $a \leq i$ or $b \leq i$ and $c \leq j$, since $0 \neq ab \leq i$ and i is weakly prime. Thus $ac \leq i$, $ac \leq j$ or $bc \leq i$ and $bc \leq j$. This shows that $ac \leq (i \wedge j)$ or $bc \leq (i \wedge j)$.

Case 3) Let $c \leq i$ and $ab \leq j$. This case is similar to case (2).

Case 4) Suppose $c \leq i$ and $c \leq j$. In this case $ac \leq j$, $ac \leq i$ and thus $ac \leq (i \wedge j)$ together imply $(i \wedge j)$ is weakly 2-absorbing.

Next we have a property of a weakly prime element.

Theorem (2.14) Let i be a weakly prime element of L . Then i is weakly 2-absorbing.

Proof:- Let $0 \neq abc \leq i$. Then $a \leq i$ or $bc \leq i$. This again implies $a \leq i$ or $b \leq i$ or $c \leq i$. Hence $ab \leq i$ or $bc \leq i$ or $ac \leq i$ and i is weakly 2-absorbing.

III. TWIN ZERO AND WEAKLY PRIME ELEMENTS

The concept of a Twin zero of an ideal in a commutative rings with unity is introduced and studied in detail by A.Badawi et.al. [1].

We generalize this concept for multiplicative lattice and obtain some results relating to this concept.

Definition 3.1) Let L be a multiplicative lattice and $i \in L$, we say that (a, b) is a twin zero of i if $ab = 0$, $a \not\leq i$, $b \not\leq i$.

Remark 3.2) If i is weakly prime element of L that is not a prime element then i has twin zero (a, b) for some $a, b \in L$.

Theorem 3.3) Let i be a weakly prime element of L and suppose that (a, b) is a twin zero of i for some $a, b \in L$. Then $ai = bi = 0$.

Proof:- Suppose $ai \neq 0$. Then there exists $c \leq i$ such that $ac \neq 0$. Hence $a(b \vee c) \neq 0$. Since (a, b) is a twin zero of i and $ab = 0$, we have $a \not\leq i$ and $b \not\leq i$. As $a \not\leq i$, i is weakly prime and $0 \neq a(b \vee c) \leq ac \leq i$. We must have $b \leq c \leq i$. Hence $b \leq i$, a contradiction. Hence $ai = 0$ and similarly it can be shown that $bi = 0$.

Theorem 3.4) Let i be a weakly prime element of L . If i is not prime then $i^2 = 0$.

Proof:- Let (a, b) be twin zero of i . Hence $ab = 0$, where $a \not\leq i$ and $b \not\leq i$. Assume that $i^2 \neq 0$. Suppose $i_1, i_2 \neq 0$ for some $i_1, i_2 \leq i$. Then $(a \vee i_1)(b \vee i_2) = i_1, i_2 \neq 0$ (by Theorem 3.3). Since $0 \neq (a \vee i_1)(b \vee i_2) \leq i$ and i is weakly prime, it follows

that $(a \vee i_1) \leq i$ or $(b \vee i_2) \leq i$. Thus $a \leq i$ or $b \leq i$, which is a contradiction. Therefore $i^2 = 0$.

Theorem 3.5) Let i be a weakly prime element of L . If i is not prime then $i \leq \sqrt{0}$ and $i\sqrt{0} = 0$.

Proof:- Suppose i is not prime. Then by Theorem (3.4), $i^2 = 0$ and hence $i \leq \sqrt{0}$. Let $a = \sqrt{0}$. If $a \leq i$, then $ai = 0$, by Theorem (3.4). Now assume that $a \not\leq i$ and $ai \neq 0$. Hence $ab \neq 0$ for some $b \leq i$. Let m be the least positive integer such that $a^m = 0$. Since $a(a^{m-1} \vee b) = ab \neq 0$ and $a \not\leq i$, we have, $(a^{m-1} \vee b) \leq i$. Since $0 \neq a^{m-1} \leq i$ and i is weakly prime, we conclude that $a \leq i$, a contradiction. Thus $ai = 0$ for all $a \leq \sqrt{0}$. Therefore $i\sqrt{0} = 0$.

Theorem 3.6) Let i be a weakly prime element of L and suppose (a, b) is twin zero of i . If $ar \leq i$ for some $r \in L$, then $ar = 0$.

Proof:- Suppose $0 \neq ar \leq i$ for some $r \in L$. Since (a, b) is twin zero of i , $ab = 0$ where $a \not\leq i$ and $b \not\leq i$. As i is weakly prime and $0 \neq ar \leq i$, it follows that $r \leq i$. By Theorem (3.3), $ai = bi = 0$. Hence $r \leq i$ implies $ar = 0$, a contradiction. Therefore $ar = 0$.

Theorem 3.7) Let i be a weakly prime element of L . Suppose $ab \leq i$ for some $a, b \in L$. If i has twin zero a_1, b_1 for some $a_1 \leq a$ and $b_1 \leq b$ then $ab = 0$.

Proof:- Suppose (a_1, b_1) is a twin zero of i for some $a_1 \leq a$ and $b_1 \leq b$ and assume that $ab \neq 0$. Hence $cd \neq 0$ for some $c \leq a$ and $d \leq b$. Now $0 \neq cd \leq ab \leq i$, where i is weakly prime. Hence $c \leq i$ or $d \leq i$. Without loss of generality, we may assume that $c \leq i$. By Theorem (3.4), $i^2 = 0$. If $d \leq i$ then $c \leq i$ implies $cd \leq i^2 = 0$ and hence $cd = 0$, a contradiction. Therefore $d \not\leq i$. Next $ab \leq i$, $d \leq b$ implies $ad \leq i$. Also $a_1 \not\leq i$ gives $a \not\leq i$. As i is weakly prime $a \not\leq i$, $d \not\leq i$ and $ad \leq i$ implies $ad = 0$. Since $(a_1 \vee c)d = a_1d \vee cd = cd \neq 0$. Now $0 \neq (a_1 \vee c)d = cd \leq i$, i is weakly prime, $d \not\leq i$ together imply $a_1 \vee c \leq i$. So $a_1 \leq i$, a contradiction. Hence $ab = 0$.

The following result is proved by Calliapp et.al.[9]

But this result is an outcome of the results proved above whose proof is different.

Corollary 1) Let p and q be weakly prime elements of L which are not prime then $pq = 0$.

Proof:- By Theorem (3.5), $p, q \leq \sqrt{0}$. Hence $pq \leq p\sqrt{0} = 0$ (By Theorem 3.5). Thus $pq = 0$.

Triple zeros of weakly 2-absorbing elements:

The concept of a triple zero of a weakly 2-absorbing ideal and free triple zero of weakly 2-absorbing ideal in a commutative ring is defined and studied by A. Badawi Certain Generalized Prime Elements et.al.[20]. The concept of a triple zero of a weakly 2-absorbing primary element is defined and studied by C.S.Manjarekar et.al.[54]. We extend the concept of a triple zero and free triple zero of a

weakly 2-absorbing element in a compactly generated multiplicative lattices and obtain their properties.

Definition (3.9) Let i be a weakly 2-absorbing element of a multiplicative lattice L and $a, b, c \in L$. We say that (a, b, c) is a triple zero of i if $abc = 0$, $ab \leq i$, $bc \leq i$, $ac \leq i$.

Definition (3.10) Let i be a weakly 2-absorbing element of a multiplicative lattice L and suppose $a_1 a_2 a_3 \leq i$ for some elements $a_1, a_2, a_3 \in L$. We say that i is a free triple zero with respect to $a_1 a_2 a_3$ if (a, b, c) is not a triple zero of i for any $a \leq a_1$, $b \leq a_2$, $c \leq a_3$.

Example 3.11 Let $R = \mathbb{Z}_{90}$. The set $L = \{i \mid i \text{ is an ideal of } R\}$ is a compactly generated multiplicative lattice. $L = \{0, \langle 1 \rangle, \langle 2 \rangle, \langle 3 \rangle, \langle 5 \rangle, \langle 6 \rangle, \langle 9 \rangle, \langle 10 \rangle, \langle 15 \rangle, \langle 18 \rangle, \langle 30 \rangle, \langle 45 \rangle\}$. Then $I = \langle 30 \rangle \in L$ and $0 \neq 2 \times 3 \times 5 \leq I$ but $\langle 2 \rangle \times \langle 3 \rangle \not\leq I$, $\langle 2 \rangle \times \langle 5 \rangle \not\leq I$, $\langle 3 \rangle \times \langle 5 \rangle \not\leq I$. Hence i is not weakly 2-absorbing element of L .

Lemma 3.12 Let i be a weakly 2-absorbing element of L and suppose $abd \leq i$ for some elements $a, b, d \in L$ such that (a, b, c) is not a triple zero of i for every $c \leq d$. If $ab \not\leq i$, then $ad \leq i$ or $bd \leq i$.

Proof: Suppose $ad \not\leq i$ or $bd \not\leq i$. Then $ad_1 \not\leq i$ and $bd_2 \not\leq i$ for some $d_1, d_2 \leq d$. Since (a, b, d_1) is not a triple zero of i and $abd_1 \leq i$ and $ab \not\leq i$, $ad_1 \leq i$. Since (a, b, d_2) is not a triple zero of i and $abd_2 \leq i$ and $ab \not\leq i$, $bd_2 \leq i$. We have $ad_2 \leq i$. Now since $(a, b, (d_1 \vee d_2))$ is not a triple zero of i and $ab(d_1 \vee d_2) \leq i$ and $ad \not\leq i$, we have $a(d_1 \vee d_2) \leq i$ or $b(d_1 \vee d_2) \leq i$. Suppose $a(d_1 \vee d_2) = ad_1 \vee ad_2 \leq i$. Since $ad_2 \leq i$ and $ad_1 \leq i$, we have a contradiction. Now suppose $b(d_1 \vee d_2) = bd_1 \vee bd_2 \leq i$. Since $bd_1 \leq i$ and $bd_2 \leq i$, we have a contradiction. Hence $ad \leq i$ or $bd \leq i$.

Corollary 3.13 Let i be a weakly 2-absorbing element of L and suppose $a_1 a_2 a_3 \leq i$ for some elements $a_1, a_2, a_3 \in L$ such that i is a free triple zero with respect to $a_1 a_2 a_3$. Then if $a \leq a_1$, $b \leq a_2$, $c \leq a_3$, then $ab \leq i$ or $bc \leq i$ or $ac \leq i$.

Proof: Since i is a free triple zero with respect to $a_1 a_2 a_3$. It follows that (a, b, c) is not a triple zero of i for every $a \leq a_1$, $b \leq a_2$, $c \leq a_3$. We have $abc \leq a_1 a_2 a_3 \leq i$. Since (a, b, c) is not a triple zero of i we must have either $ab \leq i$ or $bc \leq i$ or $ac \leq i$, if $abc = 0$. If $abc \neq 0$ then $0 \neq abc \leq i$ implies $ab \leq i$ or $bc \leq i$ or $ac \leq i$. Since i is weakly 2-absorbing element of L .

Theorem 3.14 i is weakly 2-absorbing element of L and $0 \neq a_1 a_2 a_3 \leq i$, $a_1, a_2, a_3 \in L$ such that i is a free triple zero with respect to $a_1 a_2 a_3$. Then $a_1 a_2 \leq i$ or $a_2 a_3 \leq i$ or $a_1 a_3 \leq i$. Suppose $a_1 a_2 \not\leq i$, we claim that $a_1 a_3 \leq i$ or $a_2 a_3 \leq i$. Suppose $a_1 a_3 \not\leq i$ or $a_2 a_3 \not\leq i$. Then there exist $q_1 \leq a_1$ and $q_2 \leq a_2$ such that $q_1 a_3 \not\leq i$ and $q_2 a_3 \not\leq i$. Since $q_1 q_2 a_3 \leq i$ and $q_1 a_3 \not\leq i$, $q_2 a_3 \not\leq i$, we have $q_1 q_2 \leq i$ by lemma (3.12). Since $a_1 a_2 \not\leq i$ we have $ab \not\leq i$ for some $a \leq a_1$, $b \leq a_2$. Since $aba_3 \leq i$ and $ab \not\leq i$, we have $aa_3 \leq i$ or $ba_3 \leq i$ by lemma (3.12).

Proof: Case 1) Suppose $aa_3 \leq i$ but $ba_3 \not\leq i$. Since $q_1 ba_3 \leq i$ and $ba_3 \not\leq i$, $q_1 a_3 \leq i$ and we have $q_1 b \leq i$ by lemma (3.12). Since $(a \vee q_1)ba_3 \leq i$ and $q_1 a_3 \leq i$ we conclude that

$(a \vee q_1)a_3 \leq i$. Since $ba_3 \not\leq i$ and $(a \vee q_1)a_3 \leq i$ we conclude that $(a \vee q_1)b \leq i$ by lemma(3.12). Since $(a \vee q_1)b = ab \vee q_1 b \leq i$, so $ab \leq i$, a contradiction.

Case 2) Suppose $ba_3 \leq i$ but $aa_3 \not\leq i$. Since $aq_2 a_3 \leq i$ and $aa_3 \not\leq i$, $q_2 a_3 \leq i$ we conclude that $aq_2 \leq i$. Since $a(b \vee q_2)a_3 \leq i$ and $q_2 a_3 \leq i$ we conclude $(b \vee q_2)a_3 \leq i$. Since $aa_3 \not\leq i$, $(b \vee q_2)a_3 \leq i$, we conclude that $a(b \vee q_2) \leq i$ by lemma (3.12). Since $a(b \vee q_2) = ab \vee aq_2 \leq i$, we have $ab \leq i$, a contradiction.

Case 3) Suppose $aa_3 \leq i$ and $ba_3 \leq i$. Since $q_2 a_3 \not\leq i$, we conclude that $(b \vee q_2)a_3 \leq i$. Since $q_1(b \vee q_2)a_3 \leq i$ and $q_1 a_3 \not\leq i$, $(b \vee q_2)a_3 \leq i$ so $q_1(b \vee q_2) = q_1 b \vee q_1 q_2 \leq i$ by lemma (3.12). Since $(q_1 b \vee q_1 q_2) \leq i$ we conclude $bq_1 \leq i$. As $q_1 a_3 \not\leq i$, $(a \vee q_1)a_3 \leq i$. Since $(a \vee q_1)q_2 a_3 \leq i$ and $q_2 a_3 \not\leq i$, $(a \vee q_1)a_3 \leq i$ we have $(a \vee q_1)q_2 = aq_2 \vee q_1 q_2 \leq i$ so $aq_2 \leq i$. Now since $(a \vee q_1)(b \vee q_2)a_3 \leq i$ and $(a \vee q_1)a_3 \leq i$ and $(b \vee q_2)a_3 \leq i$ we have $(a \vee q_1)(b \vee q_2) = ab \vee aq_2 \vee bq_1 \vee q_1 q_2 \leq i$. By lemma (3.12) we conclude that $ab \leq i$, a contradiction. Hence $a_1 a_3 \leq i$ or $a_2 a_3 \leq i$.

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